November 29, 2026



1st Week of Advent - HOPE

HELP ME! WHAT A MESS I'VE MADE!



WELCOME

OPENING SONG **"This Is the Day"**

INVOCATION

P: *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: **Amen.**

P: *This is the day which the Lord has made;*
C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*
C: **The name of the Lord is to be praised!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**
LSB 357 vs. 1, 3, 5

P: *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth;*
C: **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

P: *Prepare the way of the Lord.*
C: **Make His paths straight.**

P: *Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.*
C: **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

P: *From the rising of the sun to its setting,*
C: **The name of the Lord is to be praised!** *(taken from LSB, Service of Prayer and Preaching)*

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: *God's name is to be praised! His mercies are new every morning and He has given us hope through His Son Jesus Christ. As we light our advent wreath, we see before us the realities of darkness and light. Advent is a season to reflect on both. Only when we grasp the nature and impact of darkness can we truly appreciate the marvel of how God works in the darkness to bring us the hope we have in the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. So, let's take a moment to confess the sin and darkness in our own lives, that we might receive forgiveness and grace for the sake of our Savior, Jesus.*

Please take a moment for silent confession

P: *Most merciful God,*
C: **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. There are times we have chosen darkness over light, sin over obedience, self over You or our neighbor. We justly deserve Your punishment, now and forever. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your light to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

SONG **"Kyrie Eleison"**

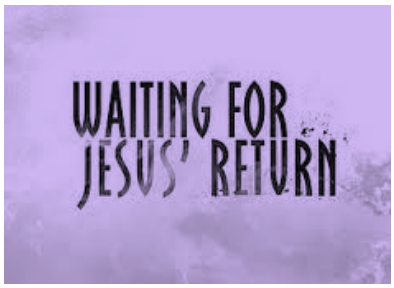
OLD TESTAMENT READING **Isaiah 64:1-12** Bible page 623



Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence - 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3 When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4 From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. 5 You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. 8 But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9 Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people. 10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. 12 Will you restrain yourself at these things, O Lord? Will you keep silent, and afflict us so terribly?

E: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** Bible page 952



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

E: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.*
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING **Mark 13:24-37** Bible page 850



"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and
the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from
heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then
they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and
glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect
from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not
pass away until all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not
pass away. 32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor
the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.
34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with
his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35 Therefore stay awake — for you do not know
when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in
the morning — 36 lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Stay
awake."

P: *This is the Word of the Lord.*
C: **Thanks be to God**

STATEMENT OF FAITH **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING HYMN **"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"** LSB 355 vs. 1-2, 4-7

MESSAGE **HELP ME, WHAT A MESS I'VE MADE!** Pastor John Davis

Please stand

SONG **"Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call"**

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(Matthew 6:9–13)

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor ✢ and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"** LSB 350

